

CHAPTER NO. 328

SENATE BILL NO. 709

By Finney, Hagood

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1365

By Dunn, Casada, Cooper, Brown, Favors, Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to career planning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() (1) The commission, with the assistance of the University of Tennessee system and the state university and community college system, shall develop information concerning the potential career opportunities in each curriculum or major field of study leading to a baccalaureate degree that is offered at a state institution of higher education. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the potential job market in Tennessee in the major field or curriculum after graduation, the median income or an income range for jobs in the major field or curriculum in Tennessee, and whether an advanced degree in the major field or curriculum is required to obtain employment in such field.

(2) The commission may use the expertise of volunteers or committees of volunteers to develop the information required by this subsection. No volunteer shall be paid or reimbursed for any expenses incurred in assisting the commission in its efforts to develop such information.

(3) The information developed concerning career opportunities for curriculums and major fields of study under subdivision (1) shall be posted on the commission's Web site. A link to the information developed by the commission, together with a brief description of the type of information available, shall be posted on the Web site of each state institution of higher education offering baccalaureate degrees. Such institutions shall not be required to publish the information developed by the commission in school catalogs, but school catalogs shall include in a prominent location the URL for the information and a brief description of the type of information that is available.

(4) Such information shall be developed by July 1, 2006, and shall be updated at least annually thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 24, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR